GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PAYMENT OF HIGH PRICES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by keeping Rifampicin and its intermediates in the negative list consumer is made to pay high prices ;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of Rifampicin and its intermediates was concocted / tailored by the BICP and his Ministry and poor TB patients have been looted ;

(c) the details of the import prices and indigenous price of Rifa-S and Rifa-SVand the actual ratio of imports from the date price was fixed ; and

(d) the number of producers found to be violated this ratio ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : Availability of Rifampicin from the indigenous manufacturers is adequate to meet the domestic requirement and its price is fixed / revised under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995, based on cost-cum-techno economic study.

(c) & (d) : For domestic requirement of Rifampicin , imports of intermediates, namely, Rifa-S and Rifa-SV , are not being permitted at present.